

Blessing of Seed

Let us pray:

We fervently entreat you, O Lord, to bless these seeds. Preserve and nurture them with gentle breezes, enrich them with heavenly dew, and bring them to a full harvest for the nourishment of both body and soul. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Blessing of Young Crops and Vineyards

Let us pray:

We appeal to your graciousness, Almighty God, that you would pour out your blessing upon these first fruits of creation, which you have nourished with favorable weather, and bring them to a rich harvest. Grant also to your people a spirit of constant gratitude for your gifts, so that the hungry may find sustenance in the fruits of the earth, and the poor and needy may praise your holy name. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

Blessing of a Sacred Statue or Picture

Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, you do not forbid us to depict your saints in stone or paint. Grant that as often as we look upon their likeness with the eyes of the body, we may also, with the eyes of faith, reflect on their holiness and be inspired to imitate their deeds. In your kindness, we ask you to bless and sanctify this statue (or picture), made to honor and call to mind your Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord, or your holy saints. May all who come before it humbly strive to serve and honor Jesus Christ, your Son, and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through their merits and intercession, may we obtain your grace in this life and eternal glory in the life to come. Through the same Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.